THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information made available by the Election Commission in this regard, is contained in the Statement attached hereto. (See below)

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Bihar initially did so, but ultimately agreed to abide by the Commissions directions.

Statement

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Manipur — No transfers
3. Pondicherry.

4. Bihar—51 Officers were transferred—Personal and Admiinstrative reasons.

5. Gujarat—186 Officers were transferred—These transfers were effected either in. public interest or were necessiated because of closure of offices or expiry of tenure of posts. Most of these transfers were made with the approval of the Chief Electoral Officer.

6. Maharashtra—6 Officers were transferred. In the case of 3 transfers were done in consultation with the Chief Electoral Officer.

7. Madhya Pradesh—35 Officers were transferred. In the case of 20 transfers, Commission's approval was obtained.

8. Orissa—19 Officers were transferred and Commission's approval was given in 17 cases

The information from the States of Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan is still awaited.

News item "kickbacks for Jyotsna in MMTC deal"

1131. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI;
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL;

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether Goernment's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "kickbacks for Jyotsna in MMTC deal" which appeared in daily Independent of 28th December 1989 and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU); The Subject News Item refers to receipt of consultancy fee by M/s. Jyotsna Holdings Limite from M/s. OOP for helping, the latter to secure a deal for purchase of Rock Phosphate by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC). According to the facts furnished by the MMTC, imports of Rock Phosphate from Morocco are negotiated and fina. Iised by the (MMTC directly with M/s. OCP, Morocco, MMTc have not appointed • any agent for such imports nor did they have any information about the appointment of any agent/ correspondent till 14th July, 1987 when M/s. OCP informed MMTC about appointment of one Shri Satin-der Bhalla as correspondent on 14th July, 1987 whose mission is to ensure liaision between OCFs headquarters in Casablanca and all their Indian buyers. Payments towards imports of Rock Phosphate are being made by MMTC to the supplier directly though normal banking channels and no payments to anyone by way of commission have been made by /MMTC.

Proposed close down of Neelachal Ispat Nigam

1132. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to close down the Neelachal Ispat Nigam in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL. AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

People affected by National Aluminium Project in Orissa

1133. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES

be pleased to state;

(a) the number of people/families affected due to the execution of National Aluminium Project at Angul in Koraput district of Orissa;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to provide employ ment to atleast one person from each affected family; and

(c) if so, by what time such a deci sion is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI); (a) According to information available with National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), 6106 families have been affected in varying degrees due to execution of NALCO Project at Angul in Dhenkanal District and Damanjodi in Koraput Dis-trict in Orissa. The details of, the families affected are as follows;

Sector	No. of families affected			
	LDP	SAP	LAP	Total
Angul	28	1368	4275	5671
Damanjodi (Koraput)	435	..	..	435

LDP : Local Displaced Persons- Those who have lost their homestead and/or total land.
SAP : Substantially Affected Persons- Those who have lost l/3rd or more land.
LAP : Less Affected Persons-Those who have lost less than l/3rd of their land.
All affected families have been duly compensated for lands acquired.

(b) No such decision to provide employment to atleast one person from each affected family has been taken by Govrnment. Howover, NALCO has ma efforts to provide direct and indirect employment to as many persons as possible in case of those substantially affected. The number of persons who have been directly employed by NALCO is as follows:

Sector	No. of persons directly employed			
	LAP	SAP	LAP	Total
Angul	28	473	260	761
Damanjodi	328	..	..	328
TOTAL	356	473	260	1089